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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, EINV, CG

SUBJ: ZAIRE IMPOSES EXPORT TAX ON CRUDE PETROLEUM

1. MARCH 18 EDITION GOZ PRESS PRINTED NEW GOZ DECREE IMPOSING TAX OF FOUR ZAIRES PER BARREL ON CRUDE PETROLEUM. PREVIOUS PRESS REPORTS HAD STATED THAT PETROLEUM TAXES WOULD BE INCREASED FOR BUDGETARY PURPOSES BUT HAD NOT SPECIFIED WHETHER NEW TAXES WOULD BE UPON EXORTS OR UPON LOCAL CONSUMPTION.

2. GULF OIL MANAGER KING TOLD US THAT HE HAD JUST DISCUSSED NEW GOZ DECREE WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR MUANDA, WHO SAID THAT IN EFFECT NEW DECREE SUSPENDS CONVENTION BETWEEN GULF AND GOZ. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT NET EFFECT OF NEW TAX SHOULD NOT MAKE GREAT DIFFERENCE TO GULF.

3. KING STATED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT EFFECT OF NEW DECREE WILL NOT BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM OFFER WHICH GULF AND ITS
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CONSORTIUM PARTNERS WERE PREPARING TO OFFER TO GOZ. KING STATED THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM LONDON WHERE NEW OFFER HAD BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION.

4. KING PLANS TO CONDUCT LOW-KEY DISCUSSIONS WITH MUANDA NEXT WEEK AND IS HOPEFUL THAT NO MAJOR PROBLEMS WILL ARISE. HE NOTED THOUGH THAT SUSPENSION OF CONVENTION COULD HARDLY

HAVE OCCURRED AT WORSE TIME. SEISMOGRAPHIC SHIP TO CONDUCT \$2 MILLION EXPLORATION SURVEY IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART IN NEXT FEW WEEKS FOR ZAIRE AND \$25 MILLION WATER INJECTION PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS FALL. HE STATED THAT BOTH OF THESE EXPENDITURES ARE JEOPARDIZED BY UNILATERAL ABROGATION OF CONVENTION.

5. KING STATED THAT PENDING FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF SITUATION WITH GOZ OFFICIALS, GULF DOES NOT DESIRE ANY ACTION BY EMBASSY.
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